



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jeff S. Eder

Serial No. 09/940,450

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For: AN AUTOMATED METHOD OF
AND SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING,
MEASURING AND ENHANCING
CATEGORIES OF VALUE FOR
A VALUE CHAIN

Examiner:

Art Unit: 2164

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments. Cancel claims 1-33, add claims 34 - 60